AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-17 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Please add new Claims 18-24 as follows:

18. (New) A slide hammer comprising:

a guide sleeve having a distal end and a proximal end, an inner surface defining a longitudinal passageway therein;

an impact head receiving section including means for removably attaching said impact head receiving section to said guide sleeve, said impact head receiving section having a distal stop formed at a distal end thereof, and a proximal stop formed at the attachment to said guide sleeve;

an impact head slidably secured within said receiving section, said impact head having a proximal end which remains within said receiving section, and a distal end including an impact extension which extends beyond said distal end of said receiving section, said impact head being movable between an extended position and a retracted position, the extended position being limited by said distal stop and the retracted position being limited by said proximal stop;

a plunger inserted through said proximal end of said guide sleeve and into said longitudinal passageway, said plunger having a proximal end which extends proximally beyond said proximal end of said guide sleeve, said guide sleeve and said plunger extending along a longitudinal axis of said slide hammer, said plunger being slidable within said longitudinal passageway for selective contact with said proximal end of said impact head, wherein the contact

between said plunger and said impact head results in a force transmitted to said distal of said impact head; and

a removable tip attached to said distal end of said impact head, said removable tip including a shank, and an offset section attached to said shank and spaced a lateral distance therefrom, thereby allowing a force to be transmitted to said tip and through said tip which is offset from said longitudinal axis.

19. (New) A slide hammer comprising:

a guide sleeve having a distal end and a proximal end, said guide sleeve further having an inner surface defining a longitudinal passageway therein;

an impact head receiving section including means for removably attaching said impact head receiving section to said guide sleeve, said impact head receiving section having a distal stop formed at a distal end thereof, and a proximal stop formed at the attachment to said guide sleeve;

an impact head slidably secured within said receiving section, said impact head having a proximal end which remains within said receiving section, and a distal end including an impact extension which extends beyond said distal end of said receiving section, said impact head being movable between an extended position and a retracted position delimited by said distal and proximal stops, respectively;

a plunger inserted through said proximal end of said guide sleeve and into said longitudinal passageway, said plunger having a proximal end which extends proximally beyond

said proximal end of said guide sleeve, said guide sleeve and said plunger extending along a longitudinal axis of said slide hammer, said plunger being slidable within said longitudinal passageway for selective contact with said proximal end of said impact head, wherein the contact between said plunger and said impact head results in a force transmitted to said distal of said impact head; and

a removable tip attached to said distal end of said impact head, said removable tip including a shank, an offset section attached to said shank and spaced laterally therefrom, a mount attached to said offset section, and a well formed in said mount, thereby allowing a force to be transmitted to and through said tip which is offset from said longitudinal axis.

20. (New) A slide hammer comprising:

a guide sleeve having a distal end and a proximal end, said guide sleeve further having an inner surface defining a longitudinal passageway therein;

an impact head receiving section including means for removably attaching said impact head receiving section to said guide sleeve, said impact head receiving section having a distal stop formed at a distal end thereof, and a proximal stop formed at the attachment to said guide sleeve;

an impact head slidably secured within said receiving section, said impact head having a proximal end which remains within said receiving section, and a distal end including an impact extension which extends beyond said distal end of said receiving section, said impact head being

movable between an extended position and a retracted position delimited by said distal and proximal stops, respectively;

a plunger inserted through said proximal end of said guide sleeve and into said longitudinal passageway, said plunger having a proximal end which extends proximally beyond said proximal end of said guide sleeve, said guide sleeve and said plunger extending along a longitudinal axis of said slide hammer, said plunger being slidable within said longitudinal passageway for selective contact with said proximal end of said impact head, wherein the contact between said plunger and said impact head results in a force transmitted to said distal of said impact head; and

a removable tip attached to said distal end of said impact head, said removable tip including a pair of fork extensions extending from said distal end of said guide sleeve, each said fork extension having a notch forming a recess at a distal end of the fork extension.

21. (New) A slide hammer comprising:

a guide sleeve having a distal end and a proximal end, said guide sleeve further having an inner surface defining a longitudinal passageway therein;

an impact head slidably secured within said longitudinal passageway of said guide sleeve, said impact head having a proximal end which remains within said longitudinal passageway, and a distal end including an impact extension which extends beyond said distal end of said guide sleeve;

a plunger inserted through said proximal end of said guide sleeve and into said longitudinal passageway, said plunger having a proximal end which extends proximally beyond said proximal end of said guide sleeve, said guide sleeve and said plunger extending along a longitudinal axis of said slide hammer, said plunger being slidable within said longitudinal passageway for selective contact with said proximal end of said impact head, wherein the contact between said plunger and said impact head results in a force transmitted to said distal of said impact head; and

a removable tip having a shank section attached to said distal end of said impact head, a threaded section having a plurality of exposed external threads attached to and extending distally beyond a distal end of said shank section, and said threaded section further having a distal end including an opening formed therethrough and aligned with said longitudinal axis.

22. (New) A slide hammer comprising:

a guide sleeve having a distal end and a proximal end, an inner surface defining a longitudinal passageway therein;

an impact head receiving section including means for removably attaching said impact head receiving section to said guide sleeve, said impact head receiving section having a distal stop formed at a distal end thereof, and a proximal stop formed at the attachment to said guide sleeve;

an impact head slidably secured within said receiving section, said impact head having a proximal end which remains within said receiving section, and a distal end including an impact

extension which extends beyond said distal end of said receiving section, said impact head being movable between an extended position and a retracted position, the extended position being limited by said distal stop and the retracted position being limited by said proximal stop;

a plunger inserted through said proximal end of said guide sleeve and into said longitudinal passageway, said plunger having a proximal end which extends proximally beyond said proximal end of said guide sleeve, said guide sleeve and said plunger extending along a longitudinal axis of said slide hammer, said plunger being slidable within said longitudinal passageway for selective contact with said proximal end of said impact head, wherein the contact between said plunger and said impact head results in a force transmitted to said distal of said impact head; and

a removable tip attached to said distal end of said impact head, said removable tip including a shank, and a pair of tapered extensions extending from a distal end of said shank, said tapered sections having truncated ends.

23. (New) A slide hammer comprising:

a guide sleeve having a distal end and a proximal end, an inner surface defining a longitudinal passageway therein;

an impact head receiving section including means for removably attaching said impact head receiving section to said guide sleeve, said impact head receiving section having a distal stop formed at a distal end thereof, and a proximal stop formed at the attachment to said guide sleeve;

an impact head slidably secured within said receiving section, said impact head having a proximal end which remains within said receiving section, and a distal end including an impact extension which extends beyond said distal end of said receiving section, said impact head being movable between an extended position and a retracted position, the extended position being limited by said distal stop and the retracted position being limited by said proximal stop;

a plunger inserted through said proximal end of said guide sleeve and into said longitudinal passageway, said plunger having a proximal end which extends proximally beyond said proximal end of said guide sleeve, said guide sleeve and said plunger extending along a longitudinal axis of said slide hammer, said plunger being slidable within said longitudinal passageway for selective contact with said proximal end of said impact head, wherein the contact between said plunger and said impact head results in a force transmitted to said distal of said impact head; and

a removable tip attached to said distal end of said impact head, said removable tip including a shank, and a pry portion connected to said shank, said pry portion having a semi-circular shape bevel formed on a distal end of said pry portion.

24. (New) A slide hammer comprising:

a guide sleeve having a distal end and a proximal end, said guide sleeve further having an inner surface defining a longitudinal passageway therein;

an impact head receiving section including means for removably attaching said impact head receiving section to said guide sleeve, said impact head receiving section having a distal

stop formed at a distal end thereof, and a proximal stop formed at the attachment to said guide sleeve;

an impact head slidably secured within said receiving section, said impact head having a proximal end which remains within said receiving section, and a distal end including an impact extension which extends beyond said distal end of said receiving section, said impact head being movable between an extended position and a retracted position delimited by said distal and proximal stops, respectively;

a plunger inserted through said proximal end of said guide sleeve and into said longitudinal passageway, said plunger having a proximal end which extends proximally beyond said proximal end of said guide sleeve, said guide sleeve and said plunger extending along a longitudinal axis of said slide hammer, said plunger being slidable within said longitudinal passageway for selective contact with said proximal end of said impact head, wherein the contact between said plunger and said impact head results in a force transmitted to said distal of said impact head; and

a removable tip attached to said distal end of said impact head, said removable tip including a shaft having a distal end including an opening formed therein, a securing screw received in said opening, and at least a pair of disks placed between said securing screw and said distal end of said shaft.